Congreso urged to consider collision of sin and God's power

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WACO—A keynote speaker at Congreso 2019 assured more than 3,000 Hispanic students they gathered on the Baylor University campus by divine invitation, not by accident.

"You may think you just came here by chance. But the reason you're here is because Jesus is knocking," Daniel "Tiny" Dominguez, pastor of Community Heights Church in Lubbock, told the 55th annual Hispanic student conference, sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.



Daniel "Tiny" Dominguez, pastor of Community Heights Church in Lubbock, spoke to Hispanic students at Congreso in Waco. (Photo / Isa Torres)

Powerful collisions attract attention, and that's what happened during Holy Week more than 2,000 years ago, Dominquez asserted.

"What Jesus did on the cross collided with our sins and death," he said.

Previously, humanity collided constantly with sin, which destroyed and hurt what God created, Dominguez said. In spite of the destruction, people continued to sin, he observed.

"Even now, somehow, we still think the solution is more sin," Dominguez said.

Sin may appear harmless—even appealing at times, he acknowledged. But sin breaks down trust, it hurts relationships, it corrupts and it ultimately brings death, Dominguez observed.

Jesus came to defeat what humanity could not, he said. All the power of sin came against Jesus Christ on the cross, he noted, but what seemed to defeat humanity suddenly shattered as Jesus rose from the tomb.

"Jesus collided, and sin failed!" Dominguez said. "We were dead because of sin, but the hit was so hard that we came alive."

God is the unstoppable object breaking what seemed to have a hold on humanity, he added.

"Because of the power of God, even the dead are alive," Dominguez said.

Sin brings solitude and confusion, anger and depression to people's lives, he said.

But Christ is calling everyone to walk with him, to be guided by him and to witness the unstoppable power of God, Dominguez said.

The gospel message not only is for those who have not met Christ, but also for the church, Dominguez insisted.

People can say they know Jesus Christ and still push him aside to pursue

their own desires, he said. And part of the good news is even after people turn Jesus away, he continues coming back to knock on the door again, Dominguez said.